

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

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Church Improvements.

Improvements are to be made on the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Eighth and N Streets northwest, on plans prepared by Henry Simpson, the architect. Probably the most notable feature is the proposed completion of the tower of the church. As originally planned, a spire was to rest upon the base which now emerges from the roof. It has been deemed best to build a tower, and so there will be a square structure, some sixty feet in height, rising above the roof line. The new part will be built of brick and stone, and will add materially to the appearance of the edifice. The tower will be finished with a pointed roof, having at the apex a large gilt cross. The plans also contemplate oak screens forming vestibules in the interior, two side chapels and similar confessional projections.

The finishing touches are being put on

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the handsome residence of P. V. De Graw, at 210 Maryland Avenue northeast. The house has an artistic front of red brick and brownstone, while the interior is arranged not only for a pleasing effect, but combines all that can be desired for the comforts of a city home. The first story has a parlor finished in white, and a reception hall, dining room, pantry and kitchen. The finish is in oak with polished floors. There are six large bedrooms, a billiard room, laundry, and three well-appointed bath rooms, while the house is heated by the hot water system. The house will be handsomely decorated, and Mr. De Graw, who has resided for several years in Philadelphia, will again make Capital Hill his permanent home.

The Miller-Shoemaker Real Estate Company has sold to the Brennan Construction Company a ten-acre tract of quarry land, near the Virginia end of the Chain Bridge. The property belonged to the Wilder estate. The oil powerhouse of the Potomac Electric Power Company is situated on the tract. The Brennan Construction Company intends to immediately develop the quarries.

Realty Sales.

Stone & Fairfax, real estate brokers, report the following sales: For John L. Henderson, four of the new houses he is erecting on the south side of U Street between Se. eleventh and Eleventh Streets; the house corner of the alley for \$8,000, and the three adjoining houses, \$7,500 each; for George S. Cooper, one of the new houses he is erecting in Harvard Avenue, Mount Pleasant, for \$8,000; for Kennedy & Davis, three of the new houses they are erecting on the south side of Columbia Road between Eleventh and Thirteenth Streets, for \$7,500 each; for A. J. Dodge, residence corner of Lydecker and Holmead Avenues, for \$6,500; for B. H. Crawford, residence 3406 Thirteenth Street, for \$7,700; for C. H. Rihl, residence 465 M Street, for \$8,750, the purchaser being James H. Harris; for Alice C. Crooks, houses 32 and 34 F Street, for \$7,000; for F. A. Blundon, eight houses he is now erecting at the northwest corner of First and S Streets, the corner for \$6,000 and the adjoining houses \$5,000 each.

CARRIED THE POINT.

Argumentative Person—It seems to me this theory of the immortality of the soul is based merely on a selfish hope. It has no philosophical basis. Can you see any reason why I, for instance, should be perpetuated in another state of existence?

Conciliatory Person—No, I confess I can't.—Chicago Tribune.

FACT.

"What do you suppose is the secret of Miss Bland's social success?"
"She always remembers exactly what to forget."—Indianapolis News.

Ladies Cure Tobacco Habit.

Mrs. Emma Wing, Mendon, Mich., Tells How Easily It Can Be Done Secretly at Home.

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"The one box of Tobacco-Specific you sent me over three months ago cured my husband's habit of cheating and smoking, and he has not used tobacco since. You remember, I had

to give the medicine to him on the sly, in his office. It is the nicest tobacco cure in the world. I saved my husband's life. How thank I am to you for your remedy. Before I gave him the Tobacco-Specific his heart was so bad that he could not sleep at night, and he was troubled with his bowels most of the time. We thought his nerves were gone, but they were not. The Tobacco-Specific brought him back as quiet as a child. He sleeps now like a log, and looks so well that everyone speaks about it. Mrs. Emma Wing."

Men who have smoked and chewed tobacco for years have marvelled at this easy way to quit tobacco. Cigarette heads who have tried without result all the drugs and antitobacco known have found their desire for tobacco in a form entirely vanished in a few days with the use of this tobacco-Specific. You can put it in any food or drink without any danger to health, for it is tasteless and harmless, but it cures forever and at once all desire for the tobacco in any form.

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